(iv)	Delhi	01	Judge
(v)	Karnataka	01	Judge
(vi)	Kerala	01	Judge
(vii)	Punjab and Haryana	02	Judges
(viii)	Madhya Pradesh	01	Judge

Since the State Governments have to bear the expenditure on the infrastructure and the salaries of the Judges of the High Courts and the connected staff, their approval is sought before finally approving the posts. Till date, the State of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka have agreed to bear the expenditure and accordingly, they have been intimated that their strength stands revised. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have agreed to the creation of only 10 posts which is being examined in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. Since the expenditure on the Delhi High Court is met by the Central Government, their post is also deemed to have been created. The State Governments in the case of other High Courts have yet to respond to the proposal for increase in judge strength. They have, however, been reminded in the matter.

Report on corruption in judiciary

†217. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report of Transparency International under the Globe Corruption Report, 2007 in which 77 per cent of the general public has stated the Indian judicial system as corrupt;

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to take administrative steps to bring improvement in the judicial system of the country in view of the said report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has already introduced Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006 in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006. The Bill seeks to devise a suitable legislative framework for empowering a judicial forum to deal with complaints against judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts and as far as the District and Subordinate Courts are concerned, the respective High Courts are empowered to take cognizance of complaints against the members of the lower judiciary.

Statements of assets and liabilities of judges

218. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pelased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether in view of the fact that all elected members of the State and Union Legislatures are required to file statements of their assets and liabilities annually, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make a similar provision for the members of judiciary at all levels;

(b) if so, by when this is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) A Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006 which provides for setting up of a National Judicial Council. The National Judicial Council shall draw up a Code of Conduct for Judges, which may provide that every Judge at the time of appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court or of the High Court and thereafter shall annually give intimation of assets and liabilities to the Chief Justice of India or the Chief Justice of the High Court as the case may be.

(c) Does not arise.

Registration of marriages

219. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has given directives to Government that all marriages solemnized in the country irrespective of regions to which the parties belong, should be registered;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government would give any direction to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Completion of delimitation of constituencies

220. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next General Election would be held according to the existing electoral map or after redrawing the constituencies on the basis of reports of the State Delimitation Commissions;

(b) whether it is a fact that though the State Election Commissions had completed most of the work assigned to them, still there were press reports of reservations being expressed on a few constituencies; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to give effect to the delimitation exercise and notify orders in respect of the all the States/UTs?